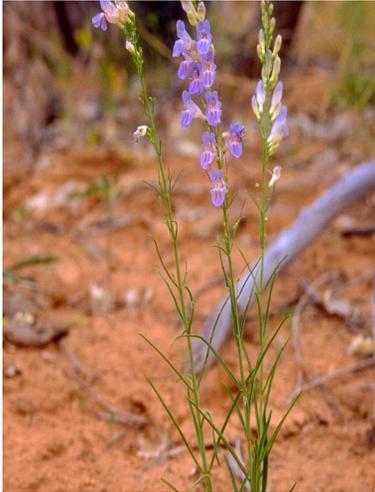




UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Dusty Penstemon (*Penstemon comarrhenus*)



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Zone: 5-6

Color: Blue, violet

Bloom Time: May through July

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 2-3' tall

Mature Spread: 1' wide

Water Use: Medium

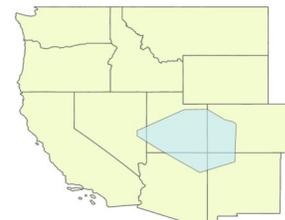
Soil Type: Variable, well-drained

Range and Native Habitat: The Dusty Penstemon is found in the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah and in Nevada. Known habitats are pinyon juniper woodlands, mountain brush, ponderosa pine forests, Douglas fir and aspen forest communities.

Suggested Maintenance: Cut back faded foliage in the fall by a third. After the last frost in the spring, cut the remaining foliage back hard.

Other: "Comarrhenus" is from the Greek word meaning "hairy." The anthers of this plant are covered with kinky white hairs.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Medium



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed, 1-2 mos stratification